

ANDREW M. CUOMO Governor

HELEN DIANE FOSTERCommissioner

August 8, 2018

Re: Noreen Shea v. Village of Pomona

Case No. 10190879

To the Parties Listed Below:

Enclosed please find a copy of my proposed Recommended Order dismissing the complaint, which complainant requests and to which the respondent does not object. The Recommended Order will be submitted to the Commissioner for consideration as a Final Order.

Very truly yours,

Joshua Levin

Administrative Law Judge -

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on the Complaint of

NOREEN SHEA,

Complainant,

V,

VILLAGE OF POMONA,

Respondent.

RECOMMENDED ORDER OF DISMISSAL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENIENCE

Case No. 10190879

Federal Charge No. 16GB800346

PROCEEDINGS IN THE CASE

On November 3, 2017, Complainant filed a verified complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights ("Division"), charging Respondent with unlawful discriminatory practices relating to employment in violation of N.Y. Exec. Law, art. 15 ("Human Rights Law").

After investigation, the Division found that it had jurisdiction over the complaint and that probable cause existed to believe that Respondent had engaged in unlawful discriminatory practices. The Division thereupon referred the case to public hearing.

The case was assigned to Joshua Levin, an Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") of the Division.

By notice of appearance dated July 19, 2018, Michael H. Sussman, Esq., appeared as counsel for Complainant and, by letter of same date, requested that the Division dismiss the complaint for administrative convenience so Complainant could pursue her complaint in federal court.

By letter dated July 23, 2018, the presiding ALJ asked Respondent to notify him within ten days whether Respondent objected to Complainant's request to dismiss the complaint.

By letter dated August 6, 2018, William P. Harrington, Esq. of Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP, appeared for Respondent and stated that Respondent had no objections to the dismissal for administrative convenience.

Pursuant to Section 297.3(c) of the Human Rights Law, the complaint should be dismissed on the grounds of administrative convenience. The Complainant intends to pursue federal remedies in court, in which forum all the issues concerning the question of discrimination charged can be resolved.

ORDERED, that the case be dismissed for administrative convenience.

Dated: August 8, 2018 Bronx, New York

Joshua Levin

Administrative Law Judge